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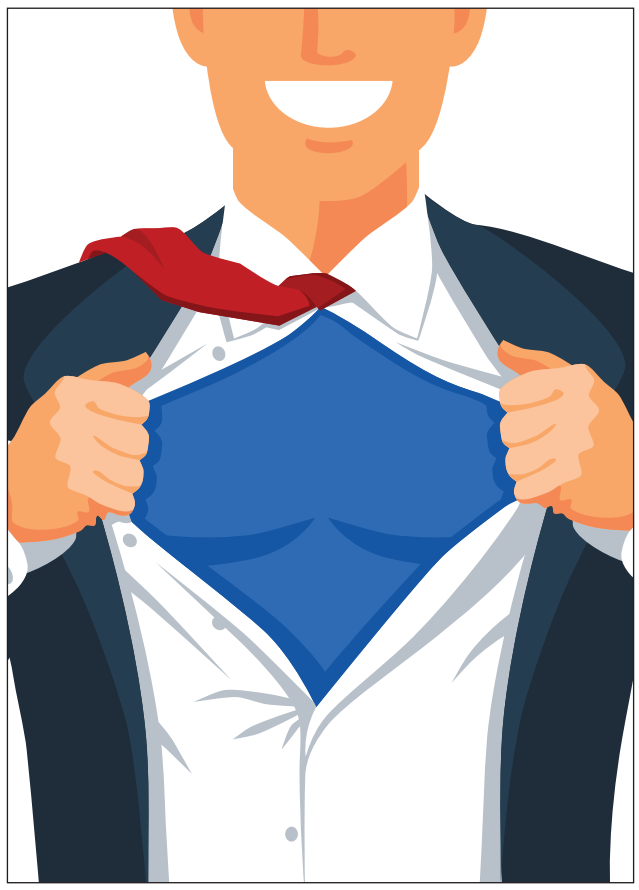

Although I grew up as part of the first television generation, I always considered myself a bit of a throw back. Don't get me wrong, I watched plenty of TV. Too much TV. So you would think that when it came time to pick a hero, I would choose someone from Television Land. Well, I tried. I was given a Davey Crockett cap for my sixth birthday, and for the next two months, I was the King of the Wild Frontier.

That winter, the Toronto Maple Leafs had a winning team so I turned to hockey for my next attempt at hero worship. My favourite player was Dave Keon. Team captain, leading scorer, Lady Bing trophy winner, handsome. He was JFK on ice. I bought a pair of skates and headed for the nearest pond. But again, my career was cut tragically short this time by a bad case of incurably weak ankles.

I eventually found myself turning to the print media in my search for a hero. And to me, the written word meant only one thing, comic books. I didn't have heroes, I had superheroes.

I was an indiscriminate consumer of comic books, in the extreme. I regularly read *Superman, Batman, the Flash, Green Lantern, Aquaman, the Atom, Spiderman, the Fantastic Four, the Hulk, Captain America, Iron Man, the Silver Surfer, Submariner, Archie, Jughead, Betty & Veronica, Richie Rich, Little Audrey, Baby Huey* and *Casper the Friendly Ghost*. After years of research, I came to the rather obvious conclusion that Superman was the greatest of all superheroes. With the exception of telepathy, he had every kind of super power known to kidkind. But to be fair, all forms of ESP were rare among superheroes and totally absent in DC comics. Only Spiderman (and the lesser known Daredevil) had any sort of pre-cognitive powers, which consisted of a weak form of premonition known as his spider sense. But I digress.

Superman had super strength, he could fly, he had X-Ray vision, heat vision, super speed, super hearing, super smell, super breath and invulnerability. He had everything but a personality. I found him boring. Sure, he had plenty of powers, but he only seemed to use his super strength and flying ability. I preferred the Flash. He could do as much with his one power, super speed, as Superman could with his multitude of powers. The Flash was creative. To lift heavy objects, he ran around in circles until he created a tornado. If someone fired a gun at him, he would vibrate so quickly that the bullets would pass between his molecules. But even though Flash's adventures were more interesting, I preferred Superman comics. What Superman lacked in personality, he more than made up for with the richness of his universe. All superheroes had villains, some had sidekicks, a few had friends, but Superman had it all. He had a boss (Perry White), a best friend (Jimmy Olsen), a girl friend (Lois Lane), a secret identity (Clark Kent), adopted parents (Ma & Pa Kent), biological parents (deceased but continuing characters nonetheless), a cousin (Supergirl), a clubhouse (The Fortress of Solitude); he even had a pet (Krypto). The only thing that Superman didn't have was a sidekick. But he didn't need a sidekick, he had Jimmy Olsen instead.

Jimmy had it sweet. Think about it. Superman had responsibilities, Jimmy had fun. Superman relied on his own resources to save himself in every adventure. Jimmy relied on Superman. Superman had to save the planet. Jimmy only had to goof around until he got into trouble, which allowed Superman to perform a heroic rescue. Yes, Jimmy Olsen was my idol.

Sometime after my 10th birthday, I turned into Jimmy Olsen. I became a wise cracking, smart-alecky cub reporter. My hair turned red, in attitude if not in hue, and eventually I became Irish.

Being Jimmy Olsen was great. I could say and do anything! If I got into trouble, Superman would fly in to the rescue. I never needed any other friends. Who could compete with Superman? And being Superman's friend was easy. I never had to drive him to the airport or help him move. He didn't bore me with stories of his dysfunctional childhood. I never heard him brag or complain about his sex life. He

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SIRCH Community Services recognizes hard working youth

ANGELICA INGRAM
Special to *County Life*

Marley Mariani and Evelyn Vanderstarre know the meaning of hard work.

Students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Marley and Evelyn were recently chosen as the recipients of the Opportunity Looks Like Hard Work award, given out by SIRCH Community Services.

The $600 financial award was created for students in Grades 9, 10 or 11 who demonstrate academic merit and also work part-time in Haliburton County. Winners were scored and chosen by a panel consisting of a SIRCH board member, a staff member and a community business rep.

Both in Grade 11, Marley works at Molly's Bistro in Minden and Evelyn is an employee at Todd's Independent Grocer in Haliburton. The students were presented with their awards by SIRCH on May 31.

The award was created by SIRCH to honour Steve Todd and Stacy McLean, a long time employee of the not-for-profit organization, on their recent marriage.

"I want to thank SIRCH for coming up with this idea, it was a wedding present for me and Stacy," said Steve.

The couple matched the donation from the SIRCH board of directors, to be able to offer two youth awards.

Owner of Todd's Independent Grocer, Steve spoke to the importance of working hard and learning along the way.

"I want to commend you on your commitment to not only school, but work, which is near and dear to my heart. It is extremely difficult to manage both," said Steve. "Young people like yourself make up a lot of our businesses, not only my business but businesses across Ontario. The only way we are successful is because of the work you do. Whatever job you do, take something positive from it and use it in the future. They will be life skills you will use in whatever you choose to do."

SIRCH board vice-president Marc Beisheim echoed Steve's comments, and applauded the youth for their drive.

"You'll be amazed at how long you remember these life skills," he said.

Both Marley and Evelyn were grateful to be the chosen recipients and thanked SIRCH for the award. They intend to put a large portion of the winnings into savings.

Winners of the Opportunity Looks Like Hard Work award were recognized by SIRCH Community Services on May 31. The award was created to honour high school students who also work in the customer service industry in Haliburton County. The winners were Grade 11 students Evelyn Vanderstarre (third from left) and Marley Mariani (second from right). From left, SIRCH finance manager Stacy McLean, Todd's Independent Grocer owner/operator Steve Todd, Vanderstarre, Mariani, SIRCH board vice-president Marc Beisheim. /Submitted

Superman's best friend

from page 2

didn't have a birthday and even if he did, what would you buy someone who could crush coal into diamonds? But it wasn't all a bed of roses. Superman didn't do lunch. He didn't hang out in bars or go on cool vacations. Still, you can't have everything.

Years passed. I'm still a cub reporter for a great metropolitan newspaper. I keep asking Perry White to promote me to feature reporter but the pompous jerk keeps telling me that I'm still not ready. I've been a cub so long, I've sprouted hair and a snout. And I've never had a real girlfriend. Not even once! All the women I meet tell me that they don't think of me "in that way." They say that a romantic relationship would ruin our friendship. They're all a bunch of jerks. So I spend most of my time hanging out with Lois and Clark. They're OK but lately Clark is starting to bug me. He's such a wimp. He keeps chasing Lois and she just keeps using him to advance her career. As if she's too good for any mortal man.

So I hang out by myself alot. I wish I drank. I mean, what kind of Irishman doesn't drink? But for some reason I don't. But at least I can fight. Yeah, I've gotten into a few barroom brawls. I may be scrawny, but I can take care of myself. And if I ever get in over my head, I can always rely on Superman to bail me out. After all, he is my best friend.

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When: Friday, June 23 to June 25
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Red Cross Outpost Open House
When: June 24, 2 p.m.
Where: 2314 Loop Road, Wilberforce
2023 Open House at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum, Visit and see the museum after significant renovations and new displays. Refreshments provided.

Let's Jam! Kids Music Event
When: June 25, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
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Free Drop-in event for kids to experiment on a variety of provided musical instruments.

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Where: Sirch Bistro and Bakery
Bring yourself and acoustic instrument and jam along or share your songs in a supportive and relaxed environment.

Industrial Logging: Biodiversity and the Climate Emergency
When: June 27, 7 p.m.
Where: Virtual zoom presentation
Environment Haliburton! Is co-sponsoring an on-line learning opportunity featuring Michael Polanyi from Nature Canada. Since arriving at Nature Canada in 2021, Dr. Polanyi has led research and advocacy to advance more transparent and accurate government reporting of logging-related greenhouse gas emissions, and advised on and advocated for the incorporation of nature in Canada's Adaptation Strategy. A Question and Answer period will follow. Please go to www.environmenthaliburton.org to register for this event.

Cook With Confidence
When: June 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Where: Sirch Bistro and Bakery
For a $5 fee you will learn how to make a fast and easy meal the whole family will enjoy! You will get a meal to take home and a recipe! Please RSVP to events@sirch.on.ca or call the office for more information.

The Creative Process of Printmaking
When: Wednesday, June 2, noon to 3 p.m.
Where: Welsh Room, Minden Hills Cultural Centre
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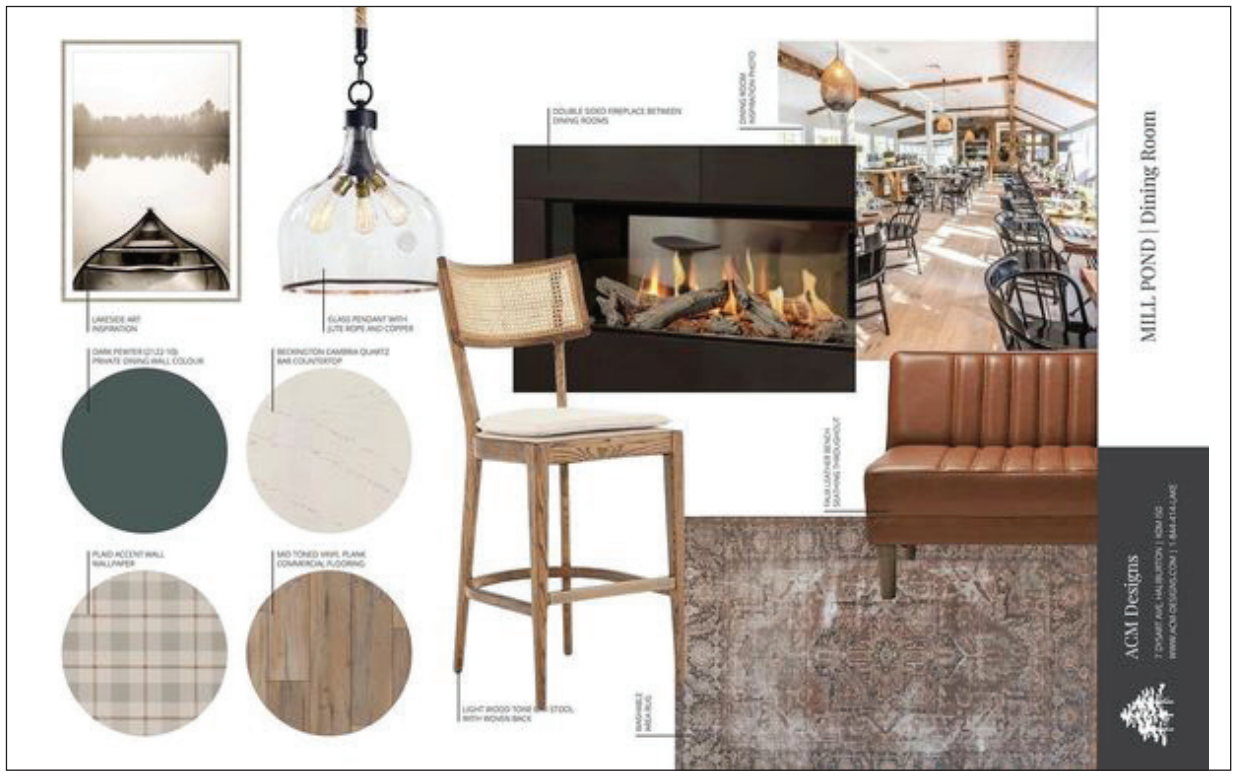
Millpond Restaurant makeover well underway

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter



The design board for the Millpond Restaurant makeover shows the colour scheme as well as the planned lighting, furniture, and flooring elements. A double-sided fireplace will be located between the two dining areas. /Photo courtesy of ACM Designs Inc.

Things are moving ahead quickly with ACM Design Inc.'s makeover of the Millpond Restaurant in Carnarvon.

"We are in the construction phase. Cabinets are going in. Painting is taking place, the new electrical is being installed and the templates done for the new countertops," says Sophie Creelman, marketing coordinator at ACM.

This, Hali's Restaurant Makeover, is the second makeover project by ACM Designs, the first one being the Bonnie View Inn on Kashagawigamog Lake, which previously won Haliburton's Big Lobby Makeover in 2020. Earlier this year, more than 9,000 people cast votes in the contest.

"We are a socially responsibility company giving back to the community," explains Creelman when asked about the reasoning behind these makeover projects.

This time, the project involves a complete redesign of the dining space. A new colour palette will further enhance the space. The design renderings showcase the new design, utilizing elements from the storyboard that will be found throughout the restaurant.

"It has been about 30 years since this space has been updated," adds Creelman.

The designers have crafted a new floor plan and new furniture and lighting fixtures will be installed in the dining room. The plans have been developed in collaboration with Millpond owner, Brad Archer, to ensure the space will function as it should. The renovation is for the dining room only.

While the changes for the restaurant will give it the fresh new look it deserves, according to the ACM's social media, the designers have been cognizant of preserving the local ambience and charm the restaurant has always had. This means that elements of rustic wood tones, a bit of plaid, and landscape photography ae expected to be included somewhere in the new design.

The design storyboard shows plans for a double-sided fireplace between dining rooms, quartz countertop, mid-toned vinyl plank flooring, a dark pewter paint colour for the dining room walls with a plaid accent wall, and light wood toned bar stools.

Partners in the project include Kegel Heating and Cooling, Churko Electric, Emmerson Lumber Limited, Cordell Carpet, Yours Outdoors, and Cambria.

"There is lots of talk about the makeover, lots of excitement," says Creelman. A review of the ACM Facebook page confirms it. There appears to be a great deal of excitement about seeing the finished product.

"We have been working a lot of overtime but plan to have the project completed by the end of June," says Creelman.

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Owen Archer and Memphis Switzer practice their water gun aim on Saturday.

Horses pictured during the Haliburton County Fair horse pull competition.

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Our human attention span is what?

Maybelle's **Fireside stories**

AS IT SO happens, ol' Maybelle was talking to Renda Ploops, a great gal, full of vim and vinegar, with a mind that flits around the earth and back in the course of just a few sentences, don'tcha know. Why, I was exhausted just trying to connect the dots, which got me to asking the ol' Google wizard what might be causing this to happen. And this is what I found out …

Did you know that the human attention span is 8.25 seconds? Why, that's less than the attention span of a *golf fish*! That's right. That slippery little shiny thing beat us by .75 seconds, don'tcha know.

Plus, from 2000 to 2015 the human attention span decreased by almost 25 per cent. Twenty-five per cent. Two years later, guess who was elected president of the United States. Co-incidinky?

Why, that was the span of time when cell phones/texting and the Internet became human addictions. Why some folks just can't let their cell phones go unanswered when they ring, regardless of the time of day or night. That's one addiction that needs to be added to the list.

Cell Phones Anonymous!

Why, ol' Maybelle admits to checking my emails a ridiculous number of times a day, and I am aware that it's an addiction. As for texting, I prefer a real conversation or even writing an email. My fingers, although, pretty skinny, are forever hitting the wrong keys, so it takes me forever to complete a text. And then Spellcheck changes words that I don't WANT it to change. Argh!

But, back to our human short attention span …

According to Google, one in four teens forget important information about their close family and friends. Can you imagine, young Clifford is in the kitchen making a peanut butter sandwich when his mom walks in and he can't remember who she is? "I know it starts with an 'm,'" he says.

Also, one in ten people forget their own birthday from time to time. Just thinking about my birthday puts ol' Maybelle in a flap. Not only was there no such thing as time-saving digital shmigitals back then to save spending loads of time writing and editing stories and such … there was no such thing as waterproof mascara – an absolute must for Esther Williams wannabes!

Why, I'm just so glad that MY attention span hasn't been affected. Oh, there's a sale on at Morty's Shoes & Such, uh, gotta send Rita a birthday card … good thing my taxes are done … think I'll bake a chicken tonight … Beanpole's Tiger Moth bi-plane hit my wood shed again … Bogart needs a good nail-clipping … gotta water the hostas … what time is it?

Like I said, I'm so glad ol' Maybelle's attention span is as good as ever, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories is now available at www.amazon.com.

Top 10 ways to avoid a sunburn

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

WE ARE RAPIDLY approaching sunburn season. This means that there will soon be people you know who will be able to disappear by standing in front of the red portion of our flag.

There is of course another option – avoid a sun burn altogether.

Though not easy, it can be done. Here are the top 10 ways.

1. Only go out when the weather forecasters say it's going to be sunny.
2. Daily travel to the dark side of the planet.
3. Find steady work as a beach umbrella model.
4. Buy the biggest sombrero you can afford.
5. Always keep a dark cloud between you and the sun.
6. Despite your love of Greek Mythological reenactments, refrain from creating wings of wax and flying too close to the sun.
7. Stop sunbathing under that glass sunroof.
8. Wear your Batman suit more frequently.
9. Always stand in the shadows of your largest friends.
10. Use the wisdom of the ancients (live in a cave and wear many animal skins.)

Not just the poets

Inside and outside all writers can bloom
Painters of landscapes find scope in a room
If there's a window, or better, a chair
Perched where the birds are still thriving on air

But love of life is inherent in all
Whether there's language or palette or wall
Tree-blossom-fragrance, wild wind on a face
Vista and silence and cloud to embrace

Whether two words or more slip into rhyme
Beauty is whispering all of the time
No need to write it or sit with a brush
Note how our senses admonish our rush

Heart rate responding and lungs slowing down
Eyes slightly water and brow loses frown
No longer scared, but connected and free
To what's still bigger than angst or than me

It's not so hard to rhyme all that we feel
Sensing and seeing and saying what's real
Hardest is staying both honest and true
When the wrong noises infect a sky blue

Not just a poem, a canvas or tune
Celebrates seasons or sunset or moon
Hope rests regardless in all who use hours
Noting and thanking all natural powers

By Deborah J Reed

The cast bows at the end of their performance.

The club formed in March and has been meeting three times per week to rehearse for an upcoming performance of *Star-crossed Hat Trick*.

'A pair of star-crossed lovers'

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's drama club recently held their first public performance from June 9 to 11. The club formed in March and has been meeting three times per week to rehearse for an upcoming performance of *Star-crossed Hat Trick*, a modern, Canadian twist on Shakespeare's classic, *Romeo and Juliet*, written and directed by HHSS teacher, Rebeka Borgdorff. The cast consisted of 25 students, from Grade 9 to 12. /TIM YANO Special to *County Life*

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Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $500 Jackpot
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcll129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!
Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
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Schedules are subject to change without notice. Check our Facebook page Minden Legion Branch 636 for more info.

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June 22 Open 2 to 6 p.m. HHHS Social Rec 10 a.m.
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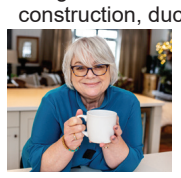

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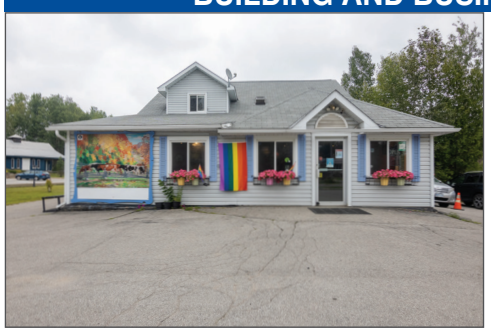

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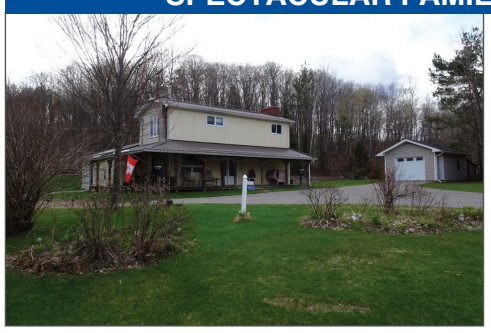

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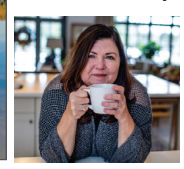

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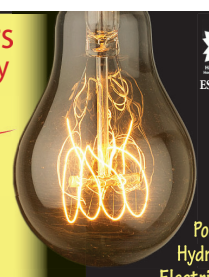

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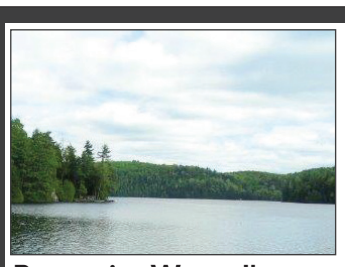

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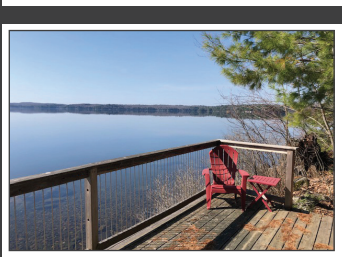

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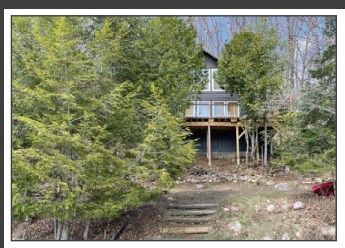

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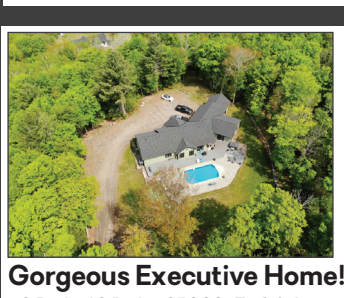

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Dysart tax bill is up by 9.75 per cent for 1983

Despite the fact that the municipal portion of the Dysart tax did not go up at all over last year, an increase in the board of education levy and in the county level have resulted in a tax increase of 9.75 per cent for ratepayers.

Reeve Murray Fearrey told the **Echo** Monday that the increase means ratepayers will pay $40 per $1000 of assessment.

The breakdown of the Dysart tax dollar shows that approximately 62.6 per cent goes toward the education levy, 15.7 per cent to the county, and 21.7 per cent for the municipality.

The reeve said the county levy increase was due to a change to new apportionment. The switch from last year's "guaranteed mill rate" has caused half the increase in the county portion, he added. Much of the remainder of the 13 mill increase in the county levy is attributed to "committed funding for county road one."

The education levy went up by 30.8 mills, he said.

The reeve said that "generally speaking, Dysart council was surprised" by the 11.6 per cent increase towards the education levy... especially when "we are being asked to hold our increases to six and five."

The stand-pat municipal budget included no increase for councillors and committee members, and assumed a lower bank rate in 1983 than last year, he said.

As a result, capital projects have been curtailed severely. The major project is the $140,000 ONIP work, scheduled for this year. Repairs to the arena roof highlight that project, which is funded 50 per cent by the province.

Reeve Fearrey said the other half of the project's costs will come from the sale of municipal property. "We have about 150 parcels of land," he noted.

Taxpayers, as a result, will not finance ONIP through taxation, he said.

Generally, the reeve said he was "quite pleased" by the budget, adding that "every level of government...should practice a little belt-tightening."

Highlights

The breakdown of expenditures this year shows the "stand pat" effect. In 1982, $353,260 was spent on general government -- and this year $352,000 has been budgeted.

Protection to persons and property in 1982, was $83,049 -- and this year's budget calls for $81,500 to be spent in this area. The roads budget for this year is $795,000, compared to $815,054 the year before.

Other comparisons show the same "stand pat" figures:

- Environmental -- $191,405 (1982 actual); $160,000 in 1983 budget
- Health shows an increase -- $143,000 budgeted this year, compared to $135,035 spent last year
- Recreation and culture -- $170,701 actual in 1982, $117,908 this year.

Planning and development is set at $146,000 this year -- but that figure includes the $140,000 ONIP program. A total of $3,918 was spent in that category last year.

Five huge truckloads of new automobiles thundered in Haliburton Friday afternoon, to kick off Curry Motors' 60th anniversary festivities. It was quite a site to see on main street. Joe Iles of Curry Motors estimated the inventory of the new cars at about $500,000.

Curry Motors kicks off 60th anniversary

When the big trucks rolled into Curry Motors last Friday, with 40 brand-new cars in tow, it marked a unique chapter in the history of the company.

This year Curry Motors is 60 years old -- and the local General Motors dealership has come an awful long way from the days when W.R. Curry ran his livery stable.

According to R.J. Curry, a longtime Haliburton resident and former president of Curry's, everything began back in 1913, when his father "purchased a new 1913 Ford car and used it in the livery business."

"Cars had begun to replace horses, but it wasn't until the mid-1930's that automobiles could be used from November to May," he noted. The reason, of course, was the primitive state of those early roads -- they were simply tracks of dirt that weren't snowplowed in the winter "and were not much better than trails in early spring and fall," he said.

In fact, recalled Curry, in those early days it would take about an hour to drive down to Minden from Haliburton. There were sections of corduroy road -- a road made of timber -- over the various swampy sections of the route. The corduroy sections had to be crossed in low gear, he said.

Trucks roll in

However, inevitably the mortgage loomed nearer. W.R. Curry, who had been born in Irondale in 1880 and attended school there, was at the forefront of the new wave.

He had brought his family here in 1906, and had opened his livery stable after purchasing it from Stoddard and MacDonald.

R.J. Curry recalls that his father's 1913 Ford was the second car ever owned in the village.

"In 1921 my father built a garage on the present location of the Red and White Store," he said. That year and the next they sold nine Willys Overlands and two Gray Darts.

The early cars were much simpler than those of today, he said. However, modern cars "are far superior," he pointed out. "Those cars weren't intended for high speed or long-distance travel," he said.

Maintenance was a far cry from what it is today. Gasoline was brought up in corked barrels on the train, and then siphoned into underground holding tanks. Parts had to be ordered from Lindsay -- and in the winter, when cars were taken off the roads, batteries were taken out, shipped to Lindsay, and charged all winter long, recalled Curry.

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Board of education budget tops $7 million mark in 1983

County taxpayers are going to pay between 11.9 and 13.4 per cent more for the board of education portion of their 1983 tax bill -- and the board's 1983 budget will top 7.6 million.

Figures released last week by the Haliburton County Board of Education show Dysart taxpayers will contribute the largest share of the education levy -- $1,306,153, an 11.6 increase over the amount paid last year.

Anson, Hindon and Minden ratepayers will foot $846,599 for county education in 1983, up by 11.9 per cent. The other municipalities are listed in order:

- Stanhope -- $504,074 (11.5 per cent increase)
- Sherborne et al -- $393,781 (13.3 per cent increase)
- Lutterworth -- $318,226 (11.9 per cent increase)
- Glamorgan -- $269,866 (11.9 per cent increase)
- Cardiff -- $214,976 (12.4 per cent increase)
- Monmouth -- $177,451 (13 per cent increase)
- Snowdon -- $142,993 (12.8 per cent increase)
- Bicroft -- $69,663 (13.4 per cent increase)

The $7.6 million budget can be broken down this way -- provincial grants total $3,212,851, an 8.3 per cent increase from 1982, while the municipalities will pay $4,243,782, up 12 per cent from last year. A further $100,043 will be generated through other sources (up 12 per cent) and $45,451 appears in the "over levy prior years" category.

Hospital merger faces long delay

The twinning of the Haliburton and Minden Red Cross Hospitals with St. Joseph's in Peterborough has been delayed for at least one year.

Ken Morley, the regional council chairman for the Canadian Red Cross Society, called the delay "an unfortunate circumstance" that will mean the two hospitals won't be transferred "in the forseeable future."

However, he stressed that the Red Cross will continue to operate both hospitals, adding that there is no question of them being "closed, or effected in any way, by the delay."

According to a letter from Red Cross official J.T. West, a meeting between Society officials and Ministry of Health representatives was held May 10, "for the purpose of discussing the hospital transfers and the delays which have ensued to date." In all, eight hospitals now run by the Red Cross were slated for transfer, explained Morley.

West cited "the sole problem" as being "the inability of the Ministry to provide the incremental operating funds required by the hospitals assuming this responsibility."

Apparently there were "competing requirements" at the Ministry of Health when representation was made for more funds, states the letter.

"At any rate, the desire on the part of the Red Cross to transfer the eight hospitals continues unabated as is the Ministry's interest in seeing this action taken. Our sole concern is that there will be a delay in the process which could extend for up to 12 months, and thereby well into the next fiscal year," concluded West.

AHM releases 1983 municipal budget

Although it's a little early to say just yet, things look pretty good for Anson, Hindon and Minden ratepayers.

Deputy-reeve Ed Pergolas ("Pursestrings", as he's called by Coun. Gary Kenney) announced last Thursday that the **municipal** portion of AHM's 1983 budget had been held to a 5.2 per cent increase.

The deputy-reeve gave a brief summation of the new budget, which will be formally accepted at an upcoming special meeting of council. The meeting is set for Thursday at 7 p.m.

Expenditures for 1983 are budgeted at $1,328,953. Last year, expenditures reached the $1,229,380 level, and Pergolas said the increase is forecast at $99,573.

He further explained that taxpayers paid $379,505 in municipal taxes last year, and will be paying $399,323 this year.

"It's interesting to note...that taxpayers raise 33.2 per cent of taxation. The rest is raised through grants, payments in lieu of taxes, and so on," he said. In plainer terms the balance is footed by other levels of government, said the deputy-reeve.

There was a $10,000 deficit last year, he said, but that money has been given back by the province, and the deficit erased.

Projects

Deputy-reeve Pergolas reported that one of the biggest projects in store in this year's budget is the installation of computers in the municipal office. The computers will cost about $16,000. Software costs have not yet been determined, he said.

"We hope they will pay for themselves in three or four years," he said. Where in the past it was sometimes difficult to get reports out, information will be instantaneous, added the deputy-reeve.

Other highlights include:

- the paving of "the roads torn up last year" (Prince Street, Bobcaygeon Road, and Newcastle Street)
- $14,700 (already spent) on the Mini-Fair project
- the building of a $24,000 ambulance garage beside the fire hall (which will dramatically increase the amount of office space in the municipal offices
- the CAUSE-Plus project -- a $199,000 project covered by the COED grant and municipal reserves
- a further $20,000 for the BIA area
- $36,000 for planning and development (updating the official plan and the costs of the AHM/Lutterworth area information booth.

Reserves good

The deputy-reeve noted that AHM reserves "are in pretty good shape." A total of 75 per cent of the municipality's total commitment towards sick leave benefits are to be paid off this year, and a total of $139,000 is in the working fund reserve.

That money, he said, would be used when and if the municipality wants to raise money for a major project. "If we ever have to build anything which would require debentures, we could borrow from that reserve as you would apply it to a debenture payment," said Pergolas.

During a brief question and answer session the deputy-reeve touted the new computer system. The municipality will own its own computer programs, which will mean a major savings.

It will be used for payroll calculations, and for tax bills, he said.

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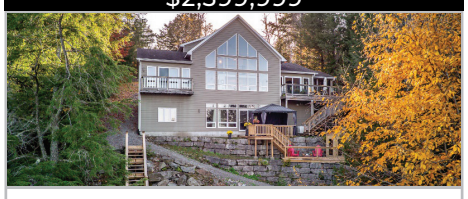

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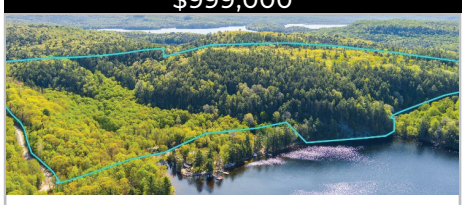

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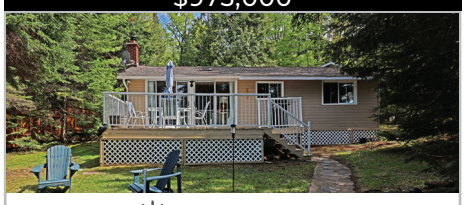

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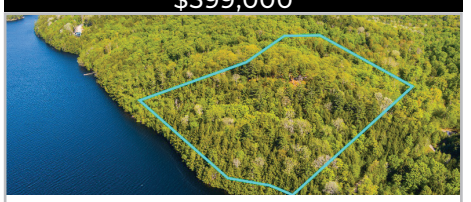

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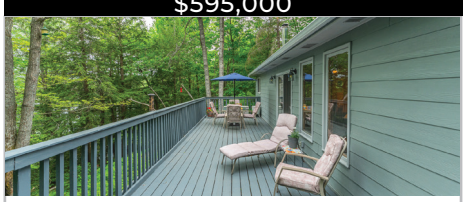

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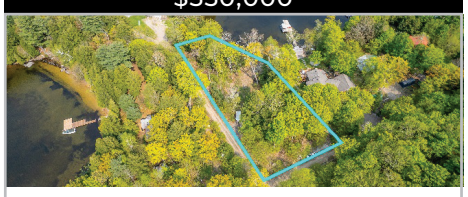

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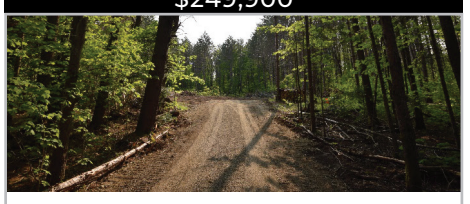

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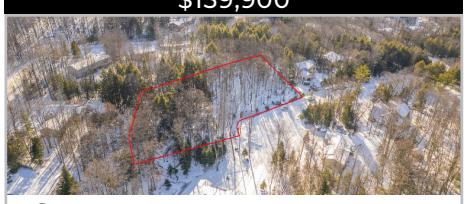

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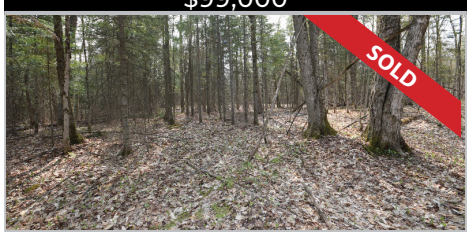

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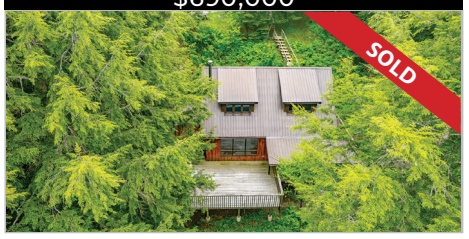

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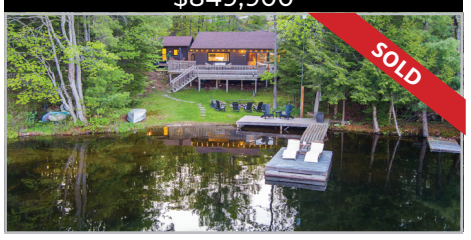

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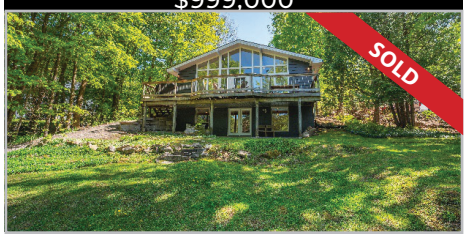

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